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BILATERAL DEFENCE TIES WITH RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have reached an agreement to carry forward their bilateral defence ties;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen bilateral defence ties?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): There exists an institutional mechanism for discussion on defence cooperation with the Russian Federation in the form of `India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation`. The Commission has held four meetings so far. The fourth meeting of the Commission was held in New Delhi on December 1-2, 2004. The Commission proposed enhancement of ongoing military technical cooperation and promotion of military-to-military relations including conduct of combined exercises by the armed forces of Russia and India.